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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 21-30 are pending for further examination.

Claims 11-20 were withdrawn from consideration as the result of a restriction requirement.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the phrase beginning with the alternative language "or." The language deleted from claim 1 now appears in new independent claim 21.

Dependent claims 22-30 track the language of corresponding claims 2-10.

Therefore, claims 1-10 and 21-30 should be in condition for allowance.

As required by the Examiner, the abstract has been amended.

Enclosed is a check for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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